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7 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
8 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
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12 JOEL P. ALCARMEN; ALMA S.  
13 VALDEZ,  
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Plaintiffs,

v.

17 J.P. MORGAN CHASE, BANK, et al.,  
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Defendants.

Case No.: C-13-01575 JSC

**ORDER REFERRING CASE TO ADR  
UNIT FOR ASSESSMENT  
TELEPHONE CONFERENCE**

20 Pursuant to Civil Local Rule 16-8 and ADR Local Rule 2-3, the Court refers this foreclosure-  
21 related action to the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Unit for a telephone conference to assess  
22 this case's suitability for mediation or a settlement conference. Plaintiffs' and Defendants' counsel  
23 shall participate in a telephone conference, to be scheduled by the ADR Unit as soon as possible but  
24 no later than 30 days from the date of this Order.

25 Plaintiffs' and Defendants' counsel shall be prepared to discuss the following subjects:

26 (1) Identification and description of claims and alleged defects in loan documents.  
27 (2) Prospects for loan modification.  
28 (3) Prospects for settlement.

1 The parties need not submit written materials to the ADR Unit for the telephone conference.

2 In preparation for the telephone conference, Plaintiffs shall do the following:

3 (1) Review relevant loan documents and investigate the claims to determine  
4 whether they have merit.

5 (2) If Plaintiffs are seeking a loan modification to resolve all or some of the  
6 claims, Plaintiff shall prepare a current, accurate financial statement and  
7 gather all of the information and documents customarily needed to support a  
8 loan modification request. Further, Plaintiffs shall immediately notify  
9 Defendants' counsel of the request for a loan modification.

10 (3) Provide counsel for Defendants with information necessary to evaluate the  
11 prospects for loan modification, in the form of a financial statement,  
12 worksheet or application customarily used by financial institutions.

13 In preparation for the telephone conference, counsel for Defendants shall do the following:

14 (1) If Defendants are unable or unwilling to do a loan modification after receiving  
15 notice of Plaintiffs' request, counsel for Defendants shall promptly notify  
16 Plaintiffs to that effect.

17 (2) Arrange for a representative of each Defendant with full settlement authority  
18 to participate in the telephone conference.

19 The ADR Unit will notify the parties of the date and time the telephone conference will be  
20 held. After the telephone conference, the ADR Unit will advise the Court of its recommendation for  
21 further ADR proceedings.

22 IT IS SO ORDERED.

23 Dated: April 16, 2013

  
24 JACQUELINE SCOTT CORLEY  
25 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
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